

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command



Operations Briefing
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Until They Are Home...



Key Tasks

Research & Analysis



Negotiations



Field Investigation



The Fullest Possible Accounting Process

Identification



Excavation





Priorities to guide the planning process

Investigations

1. Last Known Alive cases (Southeast Asia)
2. Cases in which witnesses may become unavailable due to death or incapacity
3. Cases associated with locations at risk of disturbance or destruction
4. Other unresolved cases



Priorities to guide the planning process

Excavations

1. Last Known Alive cases (Southeast Asia)
2. Site with remains recovered/received
3. Site in jeopardy of imminent disturbance or destruction
4. “Open” excavation sites
5. Correlated/associated Excavation Decision Briefing (EDB) approved site to a known loss incident where evidence suggests the presence of remains.
6. Site approved by CJ PAC for excavation but does not meet the above criteria
7. Resolved incidents from which additional remains have been recovered/reported



Site Selection Requirements

- ❖ **U.S. Loss**
- ❖ **Remains present**
- ❖ **Host nation friendly**
- ❖ **Hazards**
- ❖ **MEDEVAC**
- ❖ **Team availability/time window**





Challenges

WEATHER

TERRAIN

TIME



JPAC Recovery Team

Currently 16 of 18 teams are manned

- ☐ Team Leader: Army, AF, USMC Captain
- ☐ Recovery Leader: CIL Anthropologist / Archeologists
- ☐ Team Sergeant: E7
- ☐ Mortuary Affairs Tech 92M
- ☐ Linguist*
- ☐ Medic*
- ☐ EOD Tech*
- ☐ Life Support Tech*
- ☐ Photographer*
- ☐ Communications Specialist*



** Augmentee Support - Note JPAC is assigned personnel in all of these areas although not enough to cover all missions.*

Investigation Teams: Require fewer personnel typically 6-8.



2008 Operations

JPAC World Wide Operations

World War II

- France
- Germany
- India
- Japan
- Pagan Island
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Poland

Korean War

- South Korea

Cold War

- Laos

Vietnam War

- Cambodia
- Laos
- Vietnam

JPAC deployed 44 Recovery Teams, 19 Investigation Teams, 4 Underwater Investigation Teams, and 5 Phase 2 Testing Teams



2008 South Korea Operations

- **Mission 08-1KS (15 Mar to 15 Apr)**
 - 1 Investigation Team in Kangwon
- **Mission 08-2KS (1 May to 15 Jun)**
 - 1 Investigation Team
- **Mission 08-3KS (1 May to 15 Jun)**
 - 1 Underwater Investigation Team (UIT)
 - 1 Recovery Team
- **Mission 08-4KS (6 to 25 Sep)**
 - 1 Investigation Team



Mission 08-1KS (15 Mar to 15 Apr)



- Canvassed 403 individuals
- Interviewed 11 witnesses associated with 11 incidents
- Added 3 sites to excavation list





Mission 08-2KS (1 May to 15 Jun)



- Canvassed 1734 individuals
- Interviewed 40 witnesses associated with 10 incidents
- Added 2 sites to excavation list

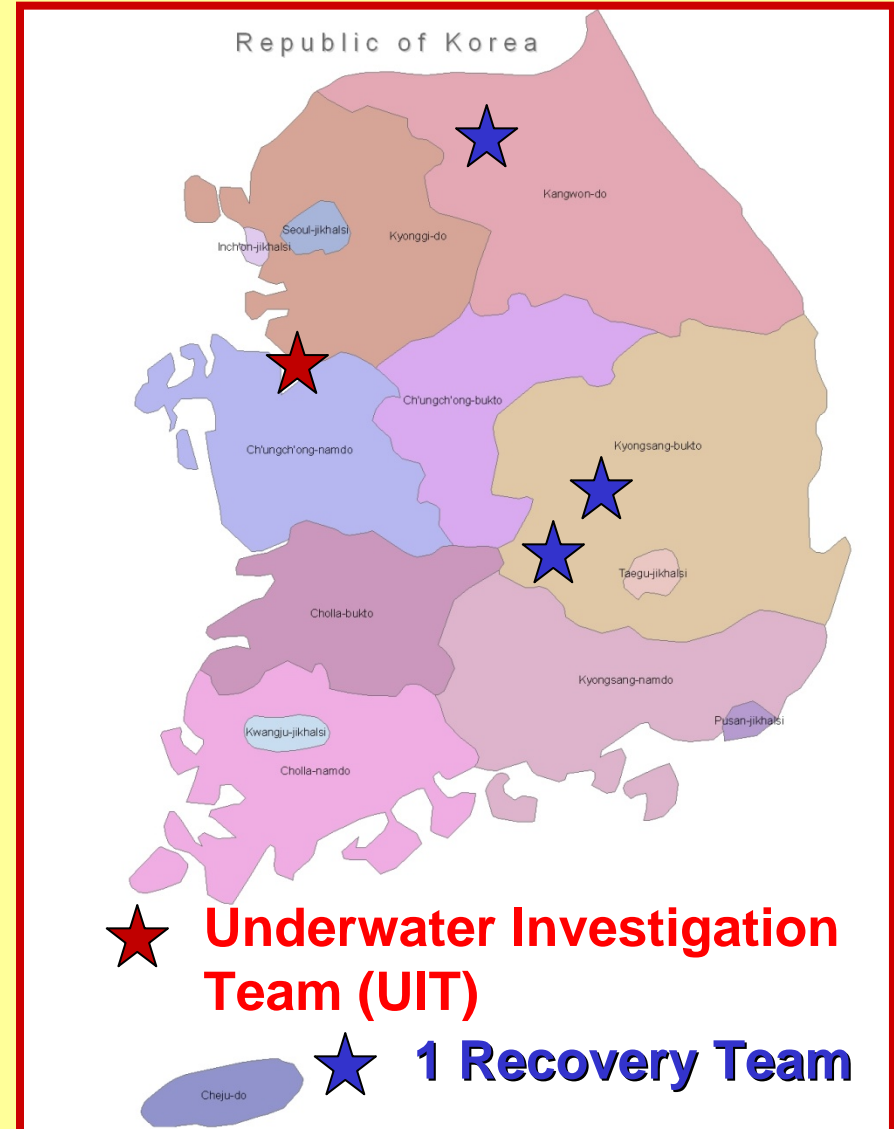




Mission 08-3KS (1 May to 15 Jun)



- Investigated 4 underwater aircraft losses in Han River
- Recovery Team excavated 3 sites





Mission 08-4KS (6 to 25 Sep)



- Canvassed 439 individuals
- Interviewed 8 witnesses associated with 10 incidents
- Added 3 sites recommended for excavation





US / ROK Initiative

Mutual Support

- ROK “JPAC” stood up in January 2007
- Assistance during JPAC operations
 - Locating witnesses
 - Accompany and facilitate movement
 - Provide information on possible US losses
- Reached agreement on JFR process when ROK “JPAC” conducts recovery operations



US / ROK Initiative

Mutual Support Cont

First Joint Forensic Review – 1 November 2007





2009 Operations

JPAC World Wide Operations

World War II

- China
- France
- Germany
- India
- Papua New Guinea
- Vanuatu

Korean War

- China
- South Korea

Cold War

- Laos

Vietnam War

- Cambodia
- Laos
- Vietnam

JPAC plans to deploy 38 Recovery Teams, 11 Investigation Teams, 2 Underwater Investigation Teams, and 1 Phase 2 Testing Team



Proposed 2009 South Korea Operations

- **Mission 09-1KS (15 Oct to 25 Nov)**
 - 1 Investigation Team in Kangwon Province
 - 1 Underwater Phase Two Testing Team (UP2T)
- **Mission 09-2KS (10 Jan to 10 Feb)**
 - 1 Investigation Team working Pusan Perimeter cases
- **Mission 09-3KS (22 Mar to 22 Apr)**
 - 1 Investigation Team working DMZ cases
- **Mission 09-4KS (10 May – 18 Jun)**
 - 1 Investigation Team (cases TBD)
 - 1 Recovery Teams (sites TBD)



Proposed 2009 China Operations



Mission 09-1CH (15 Apr – 29 May)

- 1 Recovery Team
- North of Dandong City,
Liaoning Province





North Korea Operations

- Operations suspended in May 2005 due to force protection issues
- The Administration will determine when to resume operations
- Remains recovered from past operations continue forensic analysis to establish identifications
- JPAC has prepared a detailed plan for resuming operations in the DPRK



JPAC's Underwater Activities





National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

The Punchbowl



- **≈2000 World War II Unknowns**
- **861 Korean War Unknowns**



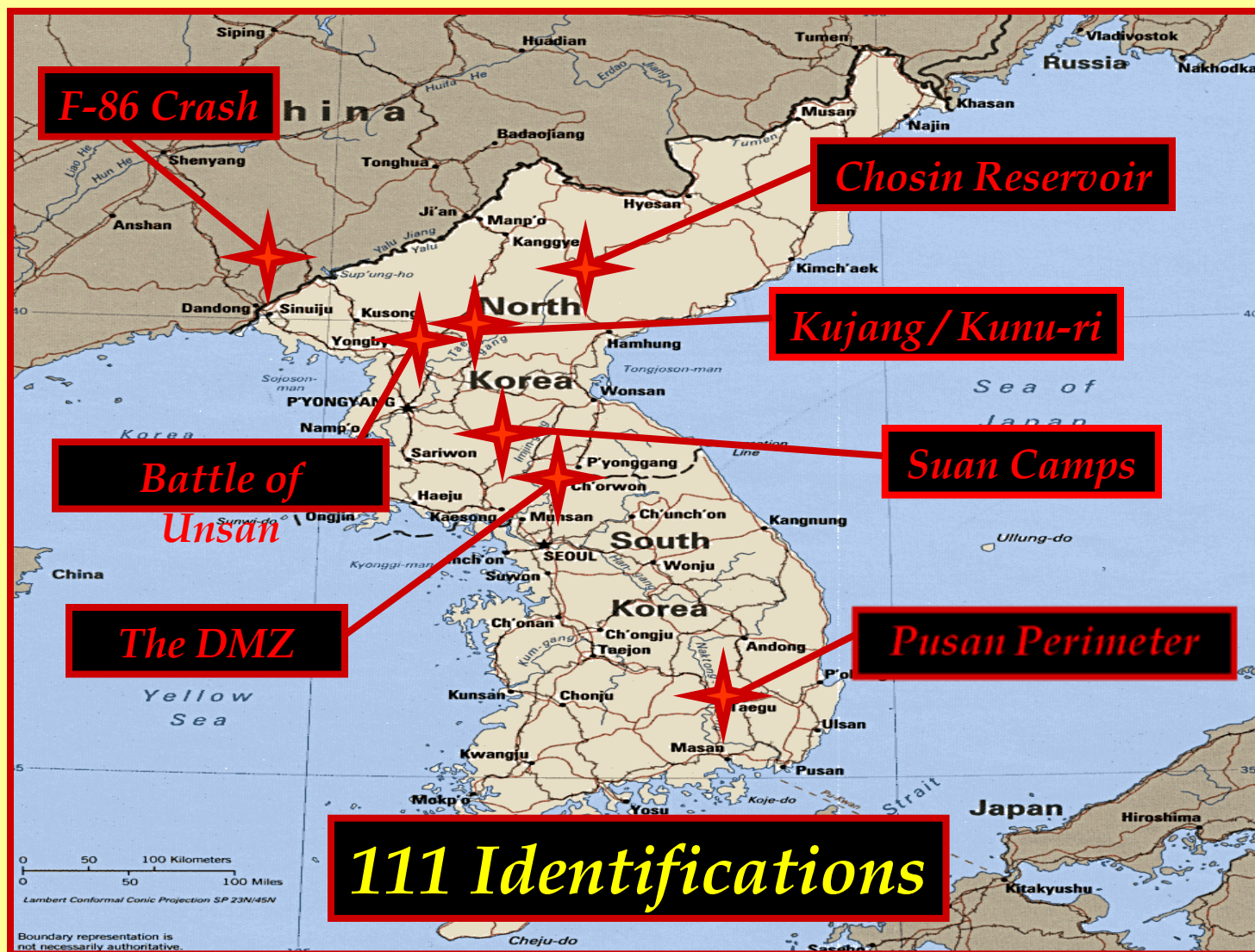
Disinterments





The Korean War

North Korea, South Korea, and China





Number of Korean War Identifications by Source

<u>Source</u>	<u>Identifications</u>
• <i>Japan Recovery</i>	1
• <i>North Korean Turnovers (1990-1994)</i>	24
• <i>North Korean Turnovers (2007)</i>	5
• <i>JPAC Recoveries in North Korea</i>	69
• <i>South Korean Turnovers</i>	3
• <i>JPAC Recoveries in South Korea</i>	2
• <i>JPAC Recoveries in China</i>	1
• <i>Punchbowl Unknowns</i>	<u>6</u>
• <i>Total Identifications</i>	111



The Cold War

Global Operations





Proposed 2009 Cold War Operations





Central Identification Laboratory

Non-Traditional and Humanitarian Service

- Largest skeletal identification laboratory in the world
- Performs both DoD-related and non-DoD humanitarian missions
- Provides assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement

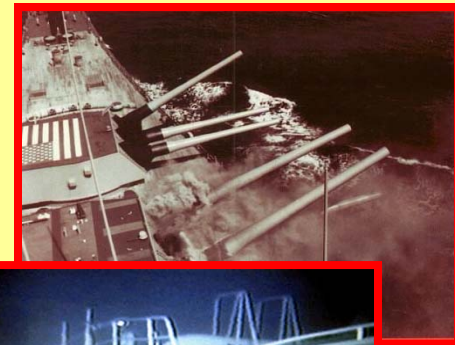
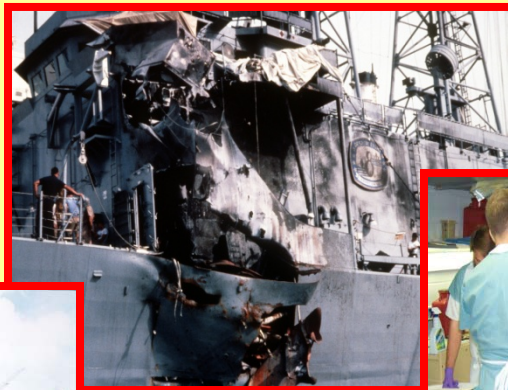




On Order Missions

Beyond the POW/MIA Mission

- **Jonestown Massacre, Guyana: 1978**
- **Marine Barracks Bombing, Beirut: 1983**
- **USS Stark Missile Attack, Persian Gulf: 1987**
- **USS Iowa Explosion, Caribbean: 1989**
- **Numerous International & Domestic Aircraft Crashes**
- **Ehime Maru / USS Greenville Collision: 2001**
- **Sept. 11 Terrorist Attacks, Pentagon & NYC: 2001**
- **Iraq Mass Grave Exhumation: 2004**
- **Tsunami Relief, Indian Ocean/Thailand: 2005**
- **MI-17 Crash, Nepal: 2006**





Not Without Sacrifice

Helicopter Crash, 7 April 2001





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